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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

ORDER

RAFAEL LEON

Defendant.

07 Cr. 436 (RPP)

Upon the application of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, by and through Chi T. Steve Kwok, Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and with the consent of RAFAEL LEON, by and through Leonard F. Joy, Esq., of the Federal Defenders of New York, Inc., it is hereby ORDERED that the pre-trial conference in this case is continued from June 28, 2007, to July 12, 2007, at 10 a.m.

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The court finds that the ends of justice served by granting a continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial, because it will permit the parties to continue ongoing plea discussions. Accordingly, it is further ORDERED that the time between June 28, 2007, and July 12, 2007, is hereby excluded under the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(8)(A), in the interests of justice.

New York, New York Dated: June 12, 2007

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE